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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2831 by White (Relating to the confinement in county jail of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to direct the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations related to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities confined in a county jail. The bill would also require the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and TCJS to establish a training program for county jailers.

According to TCJS, TCOLE, and the Health and Human Services Commission, the costs associated with the bill's provisions could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to Travis County, the Advisory Committee would only require time spent by their County Sheriff and not incur any additional cost. Implementing the committee's recommendations and training for jailers on interacting with inmates with IDD issues would have a cost, but the county cannot quantify without additional information.

Source Agencies: 407 Law Enforcement, 409 Commission on Jail Standards, 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm, 537 State Health Services

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